

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

MICHAEL CONFORTI

v.

**JOHN E. WETZEL, SECRETARY,
PA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,
INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS
OFFICIAL CAPACITY ET AL.**

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-5293

ORDER

This 24th day of October, 2023, following a conference with counsel, it is hereby

ORDERED as follows:

- 1) Fact discovery may continue for 180 days following entry of this order.
- 2) To the extent possible, counsel for Plaintiff shall craft discovery requests that will address common issues of fact in the consolidated cases.
- 3) Discovery addressed to common issues of fact in this action shall be made available to Plaintiffs in the consolidated cases through a method to be agreed to by counsel in consultation with the Court.
- 4) Plaintiffs in the consolidated actions shall be barred from repeating common issues of fact discovery conducted in this case absent a demonstrated need. But both Plaintiffs and Defendants in the consolidated cases, at a time to be determined by the Court, will be permitted to conduct discovery focused on the individual facts of those cases.
- 5) Upon completion of factual discovery, the Court will conduct a further case management conference.

/s/ Gerald Austin McHugh
United States District Judge